DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY Utility Application

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPRATUS FOR BROADBAND CHROMATIC DISPERSION SLOPE TUNING, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. provisional application No. 60/455,448, filed on March 18, 2003.

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